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In response to the Examiner's restriction requirement of July 15, 2003, the time set for response, extending until August 15, 2003, Applicant hereby elects with traverse the invention defined by the Examiner as Group I comprising claims 20 and 21 and including generic claims 11-19 and 32-34. The above-noted election is made with traverse for the reasons set forth below.

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- A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 C.F.R. 1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed.
 - An Information Disclosure Statement, PTO Form 1449, and references cited.
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